

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 1-20 are pending. The Applicants thank the Examiner for the allowance of claims 1-16.

Claim Rejections - 35 U.S.C. § 112

Claims 17-20 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite. Claims 17-20 were amended by the preliminary amendment mailed on October 25, 2004, which has been attached.

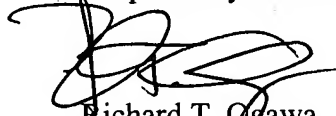
Based on a telephone conversation on January 13, 2005 between the Examiner and Craig Largent, an associate at the Applicant's counsel, the Applicants believe that the amended claims presented in the preliminary amendment were not considered by the Examiner prior to issuance of the Office action mailed November 2, 2004. The Applicants respectfully submit that the amended claim language satisfies the requirements of 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph.

CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing, Applicants believe all claims now pending in this Application are in condition for allowance. The issuance of a formal Notice of Allowance at an early date is respectfully requested.

If the Examiner believes a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of this application, please telephone the undersigned at 650-326-2400.

Respectfully submitted,



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